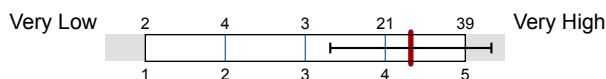




D.C. JEWITT
Evaluation of Instruction Program Report
 21F: CLUSTER 70A LEC 1: COSMOS AND LIFE
 No. of responses = 70
 Enrollment = 233
 Response Rate = 30.04%

1. Overall Rating:

1.1) Your overall rating of this instructor.



n=69
 av.=4.32
 md=5
 dev.=1.01

1.2) Comments for this individual instructor:

- Dr. Jewitt is an amazing lecturer. He makes all the topics very interesting, and his presentations are quite engaging. He is funny, soft-spoken, and an excellent teacher. He explains the material well, and challenges us to think critically about related topics. He has done a great job as a lecturer.
- Enjoyed the videos.
- Funny guy but rambles and speeds through his slides
- He is an absolutely amazing teacher. His passion for the content, he is presenting, is evident. He is super genuine and straightforward . His office hours were fun and helpful . Being an astrophysics major myself, I was able to discuss the content in more depth. I respect his enthusiasm and passion for his field .
- He is obviously very knowledgeable, engaged in the material, and pioneering in the field which is nice. In terms of lectures, there were a few times where he rushed through some very important concepts but then ended early. Sometimes he goes through lectures slides very quickly and I do not have enough time to take notes / process the information.
- He makes the class fun and I'm able to fully follow along with the examples that he gives.
- He seemed to have a lot of personal opinions about religion that were unnecessary for lecture.
- He was engaging, but there were moments in class he would make remarks that made students uncomfortable. He made a comment that a Nazi worked with the US to make a famous rocket. He said "sometimes bad people do good things." I can't imagine how a Jewish student might feel in this situation. I understand he was teaching us things that relate to the course material, but despite that the situation was quite uncomfortable.
- I liked that Professor Jewitt wanted to prioritize our curiosity for the world over grades. While he wanted us to do well in the class (which I felt I did), he also wanted us to be interested in what we were learning, and he succeeded in this. I loved learning about the solar system and planets and primitive bodies, and now I'm curious to learn more outside of school. I liked that he included videos in his presentations, and he taught in a clear, engaging manner. I really enjoyed learning from him!
- I loved Jewitt's passion about the material, his interest and mastery of space shined. Always answered questions clearly and made sure we felt comfortable to inquire about the lecture
- I loved him, he was so funny and engaging. The lectures were really well done and I overall, had a good experience with him.
- I think Dr. Jewitt had the most engaging lectures of all the professors and it was nice to know that he was very esteemed in his field, so I was getting a high-quality education. I would have preferred to have

supplemental readings to the lectures like we had under Dr. Petigura. Also, when that one student called Dr. Jewitt racist and said that von Braun shouldn't be lauded because he was a bad guy, Dr. Jewitt was a bit rude in his response. Obviously, the student was in the wrong and delivered his argument badly, but Dr. Jewitt shut him down in a way that I thought was a bit abusive of a person in power and made other students less likely to volunteer their question in fear of being talked down to.

- I think Dr. Jewitt is a very good lecturer and professor. I like how he uses different tools to make his lectures more engaging and sort of entertaining as well. Although I wasn't as interested in the topics, this is not the professor's fault as the way he explained the material kept me engaged anyway. I felt that his office hours were helpful, but not as helpful as Dr. Petigura's. Maybe this is due to the fact that he is not familiar with the concept of office hours, which is fine. But, they were still pretty good.
- I think that Prof Jewitt was a really entertaining lecturing! His lectures were really engaging and he presented the information extremely well.
- Interesting and funny instructor!
- Jewitt is incredibly smart and knowledgeable about the subject matter. His lectures are fun and engaging and he is a fabulous teacher.
- Jewitt is the man. Teaches complex topics in a very entertaining, effective, and captivating way.
- Jewitt is the most knowledgeable professor I have ever had. The amount of stuff going on in this guy's brain is incredible, but what is more amazing is how well he articulates this knowledge so that someone with no prior experience can digest it well.
- Jewitt's comments throughout the lecture were appalling. Saying that "modern science started 500 years ago in Europe" is a completely subjective comment and perpetuates white supremacist ideas. Additionally, sympathizing with a Nazi because he built a rocket is just incredibly horrid. Jewitt could have responded by taking ownership for his offensive comments, but he instead made it about himself -- "you think I'M a racist," "you have a problem with ME." Jewitt himself is beside the point! The WORDS he used, the IDEAS he expressed, were offensive and insensitive. I and many others did not appreciate that he had such trouble taking ownership for that. He instead got defensive, and turned each situation into a "joke" to make the class laugh, which is incredibly messed up as none of these topics are laughable matters. I'm just very dissatisfied that so much of the content we were learning had to be clouded by this kind of behavior.
- Prof. Jewitt's lectures were fun and engaging. I truly enjoyed hearing from him each time going to class. I also was appreciative of his learning philosophy: don't be a grade monkey.
- Professor Jewitt has been a great professor! He is approachable and answers our questions if we have any. The videos that Professor Jewitt has provided have been helpful in understanding the material better. One improvement that can be made is for him to take more time over the slides with a lot of information so that we can fully comprehend the material from those slides.
- Professor Jewitt is a great teacher. He makes his lecture very interactive and is very funny. I enjoyed learning about the solar system and the planets with him.
- Professor Jewitt is a performative bigot. He often makes mean spirited joke based around the premise that it is funny to laugh at people he finds to be stupid, such as when he showed a video of a community gathering around a swing blowing in the wind and believing it to be because of the ghost of a child, and he made fun of them and the dead child. He made fun of an actual dead child. His bigotry is also omnipresent, from his very first session he claimed that science was invented around 500 years ago in Europe, or possibly "the west" his exact phrasing escapes me, but the premise was that before white people, science didn't exist. When called out on this notion, with the example of the Islamic Golden Age cited to refute his point, he argued that they "didn't go far enough" to qualify, and later when on to essentially state that the Middle East no longer has science because they're too religious. These sorts of statements were omnipresent, and were clearly the nature of his character. His knowledge seems to be satisfactory, but not so impressive as to at all weigh against his deep character flaws. When not

making his mean spirited jokes, he is at best average in the charisma of his speaking. He seems to be an average professor weighed down by his mean-spirit and bigotry.

- Professor Jewitt is a very engaging professor and uses a lot of additional material to keep lectures interesting. It is obvious that he knows a good amount about the topic and loves to study it.
- Professor Jewitt is incredibly knowledgeable about the subjects at hand and does an amazing job breaking down complex topics; however, he is hard to reach out for help to when confused about a certain topic.
- Professor Jewitt is very clear when going over the lecture slides and allows for questions in between the lecture. His pace is adequate for taking notes and letting the information sink in. He also hosted office hours for any further questions. Overall really great.
- Professor Jewitt was extremely interesting during lectures but assumed that his students had a much higher level of understanding than they actually do. I think he could simplify a lot of the concepts that he went over or explain them more in depth because I was very confused for the most part.
- Sometimes didn't convey concepts that clearly. At times, they were overly complex and it felt very difficult translating those concepts to the quizzes
- Super funny, made the lectures very organized and fun to listen to.
- The professor is obviously very smart and knows a lot about the content he teaches, but at times can be very intimidating to ask questions. The written quizzes were also very difficult in comparison to what was taught in the lecture.
- There were multiple instances of micro aggressions during lecture, which is so especially unnecessary in a class about space. I truly believe he could be a great teacher if he kept his political opinions to himself and focused on his area of expertise
- This professor moved through the course material extremely quickly, and failed to effectively explain the difficult concepts he was teaching.
- Very instructive, and makes learning the material easy
- Very passionate about the topic, made the content very interesting, and made the very difficult and abstract concepts easy to understand by including videos or helpful diagrams as well as videos that could be watched outside of the lecture. Also, went at a pace that was fairly easy to follow and encouraged students to ask questions at all times.
- While Prof. Jewitt is clearly extremely knowledgeable, I feel that his lectures could have been more clear. Occasionally, I found that the material on the lecture slides and the material Prof. Jewitt was talking about was completely different, which was confusing. He also explained some concepts, such as radioactive decay on asteroids, very quickly and unclearly. He would often skip through multiple slides at a time, leaving me wondering whether he had glossed over important information I needed for a quiz. However, for the most part, I was able to obtain a fairly good understanding of the course material through going to lectures and office hours.

I probably would have rated Prof. Jewitt higher had I not felt uncomfortable in his lectures so often. During lecture, he would repeatedly make shocking jokes, particularly about gun violence/school shootings, which was extremely inappropriate and, more importantly, distracted me from the lecture material by creating an environment in which I felt alienated and unwelcome. Had these unexpected and uncomfortable comments not arisen so often, I feel I would have gotten much more out of Prof. Jewitt's lectures.

- While eccentric at times, I thought that Dr. Jewitt provided solid insight into the course as a whole. Directly studying the material, he showed a high level of understanding of the material and did a fairly good job at teaching it to the students.

- he was really good at making abstract concepts tangible, like relating space things that would be hard to visualize to things we are familiar with

Profile

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Values used in the profile line: Mean

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